

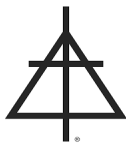


Finding God In... Affliction

Psalm 137

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How do we see this in the New Testament, as well?
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 - Live your full life in that dark place. (v.6)
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